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30 Students Object, but CIA Recruiting Continues

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IOWA CITY — A Central Intelligence Agency job recruiter began conducting interviews with University of Iowa students again Wednesday morning in his regularly scheduled place undisturbed by student protesters who harassed him Tuesday afternoon.

Some members of a student anti-war group had said Tuesday that they planned to demonstrate for the second time Wednesday against job recruiting by the CIA. It was possible that some kind of demonstration might develop later in the day.

About 30 students for a Democratic Society members staged the protest Tuesday when CIA recruiter Charles Pecinavsky began interviewing job prospects. There are about 18,000 students on campus.

The protesters demanded that he leave, saying they did not want a "secret, violent, dictatorial" agency on the campus.

Pecinavsky refused but took his papers into the office of Helen Barnes, director of the business and industrial place-

ment office, where he continued the interviewing. Pecinavsky is scheduled to be on campus through Friday. The group had circulated a letter of protest addressed to University President Howard Bowen. Bowen was not available for comment but his assistant, Philip E. Connell, addressed the students.

Connell said students who wanted to take the interviews had as much right to do that as the others had to protest. He said Bowen had seen the letter and regarded the CIA's presence as being no different than that of any government agency or business that uses the placement facilities.

Mrs. Barnes told the demonstrators they could not get into her office. Blocking the door she said: "You'll have to block me down if you want to get by."

Instead, they sat down in a hallway and campus police escorted into the office students wanting to take the interview.

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Blocks Door

Helen Barnes, director of the business and industrial placement office at the University of Iowa, blocked the door Tuesday afternoon when protesters tried to follow CIA recruiter Charles Pecinavsky into an office in the Old Dental building. The student protesters objected to a "secret, violent and dictatorial agency" on the Iowa City campus.

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